

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Francois BLAUDIN DE THE  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 17, 2011, Applicants respectfully request the following amendment to correct informalities be entered.